GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2414
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2002
RESERVATION OF SCS/STS/BACKWARD CLASSES AND WOMEN IN PANCHAYATS
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is demand from several parts of the country to bring in a Central Act to introduce reservation of seats for the SCs/STs/Backward Classes and women in the village panchayats;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the time by which a Bill is likely to be introduced in the Parliament in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) No, Sir. The Part-IX of the Constitution provides for reservation of seats for SCs/STs/ Backward Classes and Women in the Village Panchayats.

(b)&(c) Does not arise.